(d) if not, whether Government propose to set up a separate agency for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMTION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Doordarshan is already telecasting at regular interval programmes covering tribal dances and songs from its various Kendras to the extent prossible within the existing available telecast time.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Lock Out in Palaghat I.T.I.

2935. SHRI V.S. VUAYARANGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whetherr Government are aware of the any Lock-out of Indian Telephone Industries at Palaghat district (Kanjikode) in Kerala;

(b) if so, the reaosns therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The management of the Company had to resort to declare lock-out to acts of sabotage, damages caused to vital installations inside the factory, acts of threat, stoppage of essential services and intimidation by groups of employees against officers a and the managerial staff.

(c) Prior to resorting to lock-out the management held several rounds of discussions with the representatives of the rival unions funcioning in the unit. Efforts were made to avoid the declarations of lock-out. The labour Department of Government of Kerala was associated through-out for resoving the issues involved. The Union Government has also been keeping a watch to ensure that the situation is remedied. The lock-out has since been lived with-effect from 9.11.1991.

Decentralisation of I.T.Is.

2936. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to decentralise there Indian Telephone Industries (ITIs); and

(b) if so, the reaosns therefor and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Memroandum from All India Postal Employees Unions

2937. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum jointly submitted by three All India Unions of Postal Employees;

(b) if so, the detailos of the memorandum;

(c) whether any action has been taken or proposed to be taken to settle the problems mentioned in the memorandum;

(d) whether the Government met any delegaion of Postal Employees Unions recently in this connection; and

(e) if so, the details of the meeting?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement on important points is enclosed

(c) The memorandum is under examination

(d) Yes, Sir. The Minister of State for Communications granted an interview on 19.9.91 to the represenntatives of three unions of Group 'D' Postal Employees.

(e) The Minister of State for Communications heard the Union representatiges views and expressed the desire to solve the problems through mutual consultation.

STATEMENT

Important Points of Memorandum.

1. Restructuing of Postal Deliveries.

2. Scale of Rs. 1200-Rs. 1800 to Postmen on completion of 26 years of service.

3. Extension of OTA on higher rates to Postmen and dequate compensation for work done on absentee beat.

4. Proper and regular supply of items of uniform.

5. Suitable syllabus for Departmental Examination.

6. Sanction of justified staff.

7. Revision of pay scale of Postmen.

8. The test category Group 'D' packers and other categories of Post Offices.

Sanction of Telephone Connections on priority Basis in Bihar and Orissa

2938. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone connections sanctioned on priority basis in Orissa and Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons on the waiting list ; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to clear the waiting list for telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Newspapers Published from Orissa

2939. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJPATHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of newspapers published in Orissa State;

(b) the circulation figures of each of the mothly, daily and weekly newspapers brought out from Orissa;

(c) whether all these newspapers are registered in Orissa;

(d) if so, the quantum of newsprint supplied to these newspapers in the year 1990-91;

(e) whether all these newspapers are getting newsprint according to their requirement; and

(f) if not, the steps taken to ensure adequate newsprint to those newspapers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) According to the live register maintained by the Registrar of newspapers for India, 522 newspapers were being published in Orissa as on 31.12.1990.

(b) Out of these, 30 dailies, 15 weeklies and 9 monthlies have supplied their circulation fugures during calendar year 1990. Details thereof are give in the statement attached.

(c) All newspapers mentioned in reply of Part (b) are registered with Registrar of Newpapers for India.